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**Doubling of Railway tracks in Karnataka**

345. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway tracks in Karnataka, which need doubling, have been identified and put on project for doubling; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expected time for completion of doubling work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE, MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following doubling works have been identified. The detail for the same are given as under:—

S. No.	Name of the Project	Cost (in crores)	Target date	Remarks
1.	Whitefield-Bangarapet-Kuppam (81.21 Km.)	105.01	Whitefield-Bangarapet completed. Target Date Not fixed for Bangarapet to Kuppam (35.61 km)	Whitefield to Bangarapet (46.51 km), completed & commissioned. On the balance section from Bangarapet-Kuppam (35.61 km) Final Location Survey has been taken up.
2.	Bangalore-Kengeri patch doubling (12.45 km)	20.75	Not fixed	The work is temporarily frozen for the present.
3.	Kengeri-Ramanagaram (32.43 kms)	45.00	Not fixed	The work is temporarily frozen for the present. Final location survey is in progress.

s. No.	Name of the Project	Cost (In crores)	Target date	Remarks
4.	Yeshwantpur-Tumkur (64 km)	91.82	Not fixed	CCEA clearance has been received and work has been started.
5.	Bangalore-Whitefield Bangalore City-Krishnarajapuram Quadrupling	85.00	Not fixed	CCEA clearance yet to be received for which action has been initiated.

### Renewal of Obsolete Railway Tracks

346. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 11000 km. of railway tracks are obsolete and need renewal, to achieve enhanced safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;

(c) whether any plan has been prepared to generate resources to complete the renewal work within a time frame; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. 11928 km. of Broad gauge and 4699 km. of Metre gauge and Narrow gauge track was due renewal as on 1-4-2000.

(b) The Zone wise details of such track due renewal are as under:—

S. No.	Name of the Zonal Railway	Track due renewal as on 1-4-2000 (in kms.)	
		Broad gauge	Metre/Narrow gauge
1	Central Railway	1762	10
2	Eastern Railway	1165	114